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In connection with current developments affecting Berlin, believe useful to outline for all addressees factual situation re NATO guarantees and statements on Berlin.

While Berlin is not considered within the territory covered by the North Atlantic Treaty, an attack on the forces of any NATO member in Berlin is considered an attack which would bring into effect Article 5 of the Treaty. This is set forth in Article 2 of the Protocol to North Atlantic Treaty, signed by Council Deputies on October 22, 1951.

North Atlantic Council on October 22, 1954, adopted and made public resolution in which Council associated itself with Tripartite Declaration of October 3, 1954. In Tripartite Declaration, US, UK, and France had reaffirmed inter alia that they would QTE treat any attack against Berlin from any quarter as an attack upon their forces and themselves UNQTE.

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